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APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE000741

**For a certificate of public convenience
and necessity under the Utility Facilities
Act to develop, construct, own and operate
an intrastate natural gas pipeline**

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

March 2, 2001

On December 15, 2000, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "the Company") filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to develop, construct, own, and operate a 14-mile lateral natural gas pipeline and related facilities for the receipt and delivery of natural gas needed as fuel for new natural gas-fired generation facilities and other existing facilities at Virginia Power's Possum Point Power Station in Prince William County, Virginia. By order dated January 25, 2001, the Commission docketed the matter, scheduled the application for hearing, directed the Company to provide public notice of the application, established dates for the filing of pleadings and prepared testimony and exhibits, and assigned the matter to a hearing examiner.

On February 28, 2001, Delegate Michele B. McQuigg, representing the Fifty-First District in the Virginia House of Delegates, filed a letter requesting a local hearing in Prince William County on the Company's application.

After considering the request, I find that two local hearings should be scheduled in Prince William County for the sole purpose of receiving public comments on the Company's application. I further find, however, that the application should come on for hearing on April 26, 2001, in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom as originally scheduled for the presentation of the Company's evidence in support of its application as well as the presentation of any testimony and exhibits by Staff and participating protestants. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED:

(1) That the procedural schedule and hearing date established by the Commission's January 25, 2001, order shall remain in full force and effect;

(2) That two local hearings to receive comments from the Company's customers in Northern Virginia be, and the same are hereby, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2001, to be conducted in the Board Chambers of the James J. McCoart Administration Building, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia;

(3) That, on or before April 2, 2001, Virginia Power shall complete the publication of the following notice, to be published as display advertising (not classified), once a week for two

consecutive weeks in newspapers of general circulation within the areas in which the Company proposes to locate its proposed pipeline and associated facilities:

**NOTICE OF LOCAL HEARING ON APPLICATION
BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY UNDER THE UTILITY FACILITIES ACT
TO DEVELOP, CONSTRUCT, OWN, AND OPERATE AN
INTRASTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE
CASE NO. PUE000741**

On December 15, 2000, Virginia Electric and Power and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to develop, construct, own, and operate a 14-mile long lateral natural gas pipeline and related facilities for the receipt and delivery of natural gas needed as fuel for new natural gas-fired generation facilities and other existing facilities at Virginia Power's Possum Point Power Station in Prince William County, Virginia. By order dated January 25, 2001, the Commission scheduled a public hearing on the application for April 26, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

The hearing examiner assigned to conduct this case has found it appropriate to schedule two additional hearings in Prince William County for the purpose of receiving public comments on the application from the Company's Northern Virginia customers. The two local hearings will be held at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2001, in the Board Chambers of the James J. McCoart Administration Building, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia. Any person desiring to comment on the application need only appear fifteen minutes before the start of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's bailiff and execute an appearance form. Any additional information concerning this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and referring to Case No. PUE000741.

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(4) That at the commencement of the April 26, 2001, hearing the Company shall provide the Commission with proof of the notice required by ordering paragraph (3).

Michael D. Thomas
Hearing Examiner